Cyber S&T Priority Steering Council Research Roadmap

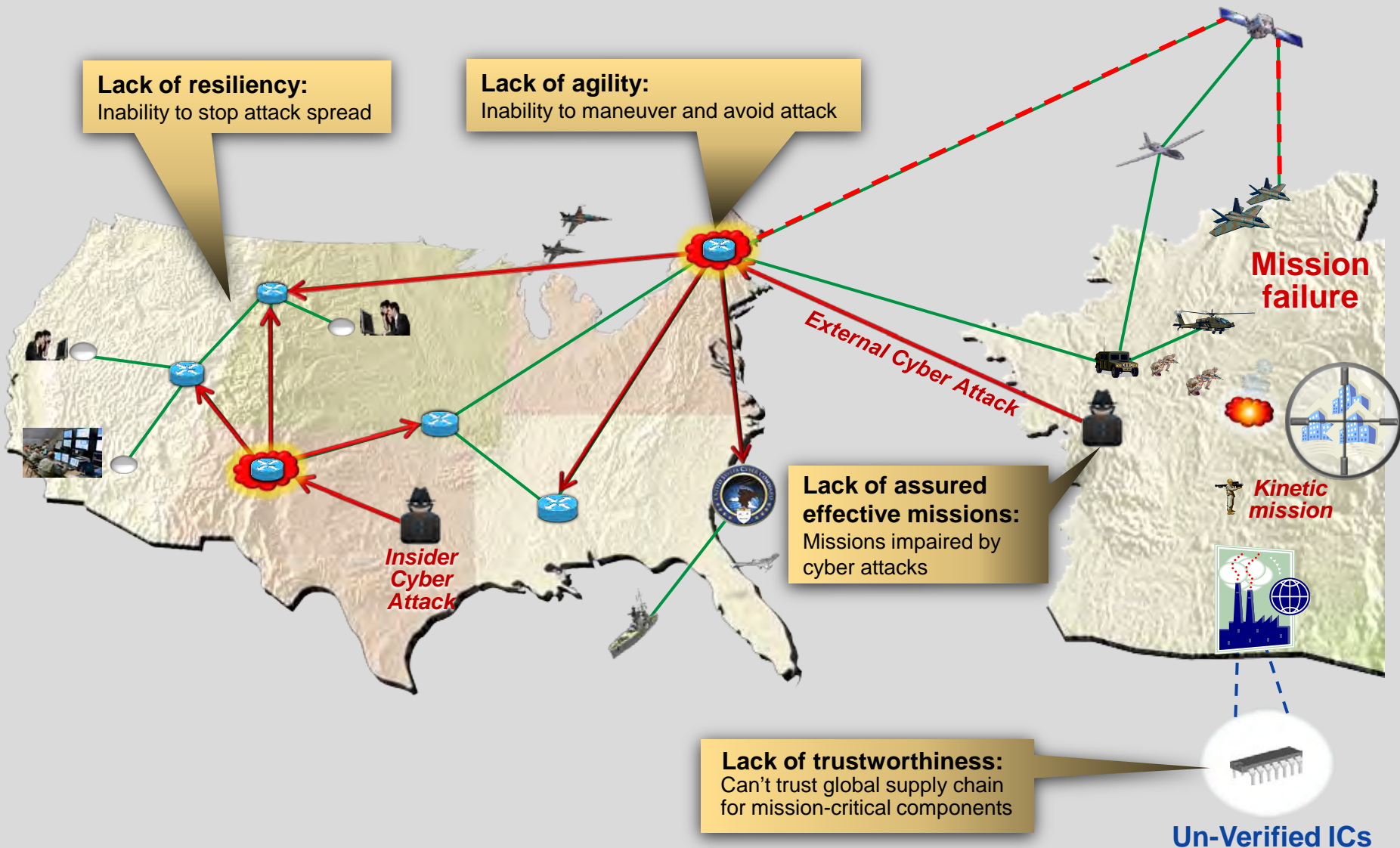**for the**

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Problem Statement

Lack of resiliency:
Inability to stop attack spread

Lack of agility:
Inability to maneuver and avoid attack

Mission failure

External Cyber Attack

Insider Cyber Attack

Lack of assured effective missions:
Missions impaired by cyber attacks

Kinetic mission

Lack of trustworthiness:
Can't trust global supply chain for mission-critical components

Un-Verified ICs

Desired End State

Agile cyber operations: Maneuvering to avoid attacks

Assured effective missions: Missions success is ensured

Diverting to Honeynet

Evaluation of cyber vs. kinetic options

Mission success

External Cyber Attack

Kinetic mission

Attack deflected & absorbed

Insider Cyber Attack

Attacker neutralized

Resilient defenses: Ability to deflect, resist and absorb attacks

Trusted foundations: Trusted design, verification, and fabrication of integrated circuits; Trusted boot and secure attestation

APP
OS
BIOS

Trusted boot   **Verified ICs**

Key Parameter:
Work Factor Ratio

Challenge:
Increase Adversary / Defender Relative Work Factor Over Time

- ## Missions
  - Kinetic, cyber, and combined missions will have a cyber dependency

- ## Infrastructure
  - Any element of the cyber infrastructure may be compromised and manipulated
  - DoD will continue to leverage commercial products and services we do not own or control
  - DoD infrastructure defies establishing an all-encompassing static perimeter

Adversary/Defender Work Factor Ratio

2012 | 2015 | 2017 | 2019

Shorten time for adversary reconnaissance

Limit time window for exploitation

Limit effectiveness and propagation of malware

Perimeter is not well defined

Four Major 10 Year Objectives

Assuring Effective Missions — Assess and control the cyber situation in mission context

Agile Operations — Dynamically reshape cyber systems as conditions/goals change, to escape harm

Resilient Infrastructure — Withstand cyber attacks, and sustain or recover critical functions
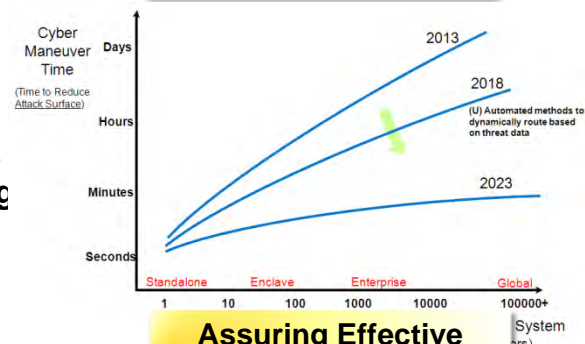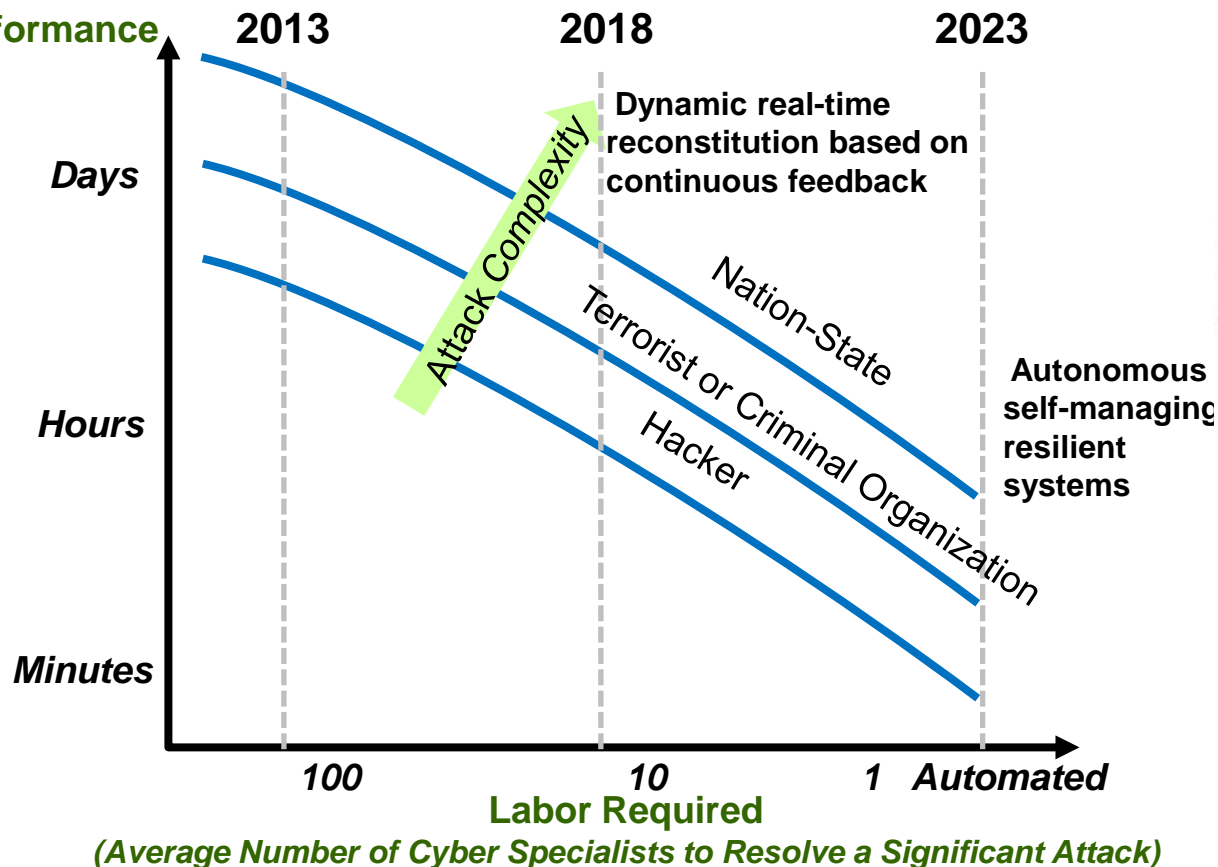
Trust — Establish known degree of assurance that devices, networks, and cyber-dependent functions perform as expected, despite attack or error

Metrics

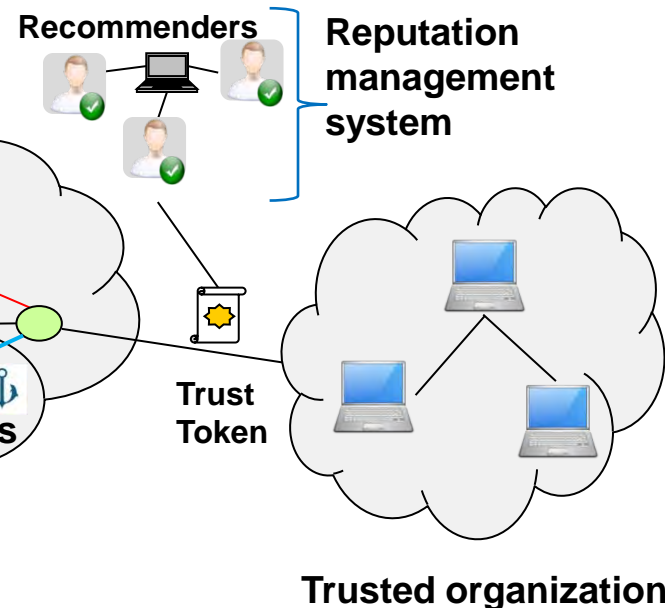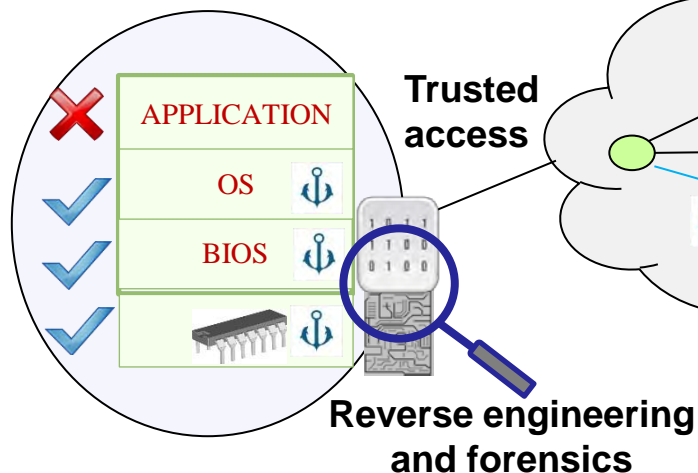## Resilient Infrastructure

Restoration to Baseline Performance

	2013	2018	2023

Days

Hours

Minutes

Attack Complexity

Dynamic real-time reconstitution based on continuous feedback

Nation-State

Terrorist or Criminal Organization

Hacker

Autonomous self-managing resilient systems

100   **10**   **1**   **Automated**

Labor Required

(Average Number of Cyber Specialists to Resolve a Significant Attack)

Trust

Log_{10} of the Ratio of Foe-effort (\$) to USG-effort (\$)

(U) Trusted systems from components of mixed trust — **2023**

(U) Automated vulnerability discovery — **2018**   *Equal \$*

2013

+10, +5, 0, −5

Platform   *Base*   *Command*   *Service*   *Coalition*   *Global*

9   12   15   18   21   24

Log_{10} of Complexity *(Level, Scale of Trust)*

Operational Agility

Cyber Maneuver Time

(Time to Reduce Attack Surface)

Days — **2013**

2018

(U) Automated methods to dynamically route based on threat data

Hours

Minutes — **2023**

Seconds

Standalone   *Enclave*   *Enterprise*   *Global*

1   10   100   1000   10000   100000+

System ors)

Assuring Effective Missions

Success of surrogate mission set *(% of task outcomes met)*

100, 90, 80, 70, 60

(U) Predictive cyber/kinetic mission tools for use during live mission execution

2023

2018

2013

(U) Course of action option generation using cyber/kinetic situational awareness

1   2   3   4   5

Normalized attack effort *(surface x intensity x duration x severity)*

Trust
Technical Challenges and Research Opportunities

Trusted boot and operations

Recommenders

Reputation management system

APPLICATION

OS

BIOS

Trusted access

Trusted connections

Trust Token

Reverse engineering and forensics
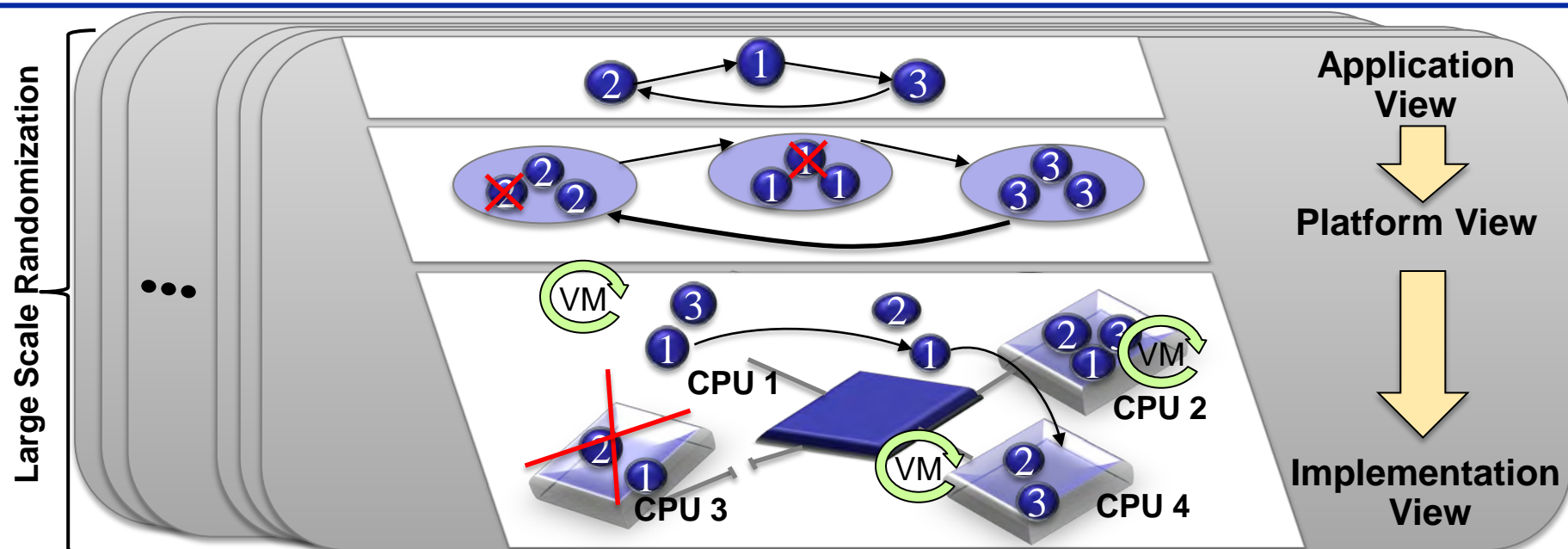
Trusted organization

Trust Foundations

- **Scalable reverse engineering and analysis**

- **Trust establishment, propagation, and maintenance techniques**

- **Measurement of trustworthiness**

- **Trustworthy architectures and trust composition tools**

Resilient Infrastructure
Technical Challenges and Research Opportunities

Large Scale Randomization

Application View
↓
Platform View
↓
Implementation View

VM
CPU 1
CPU 2
CPU 3
CPU 4

Resilient Architectures

- Resiliency for operational systems
- Mechanisms to compose resilient systems from brittle components
- Integration of sensing, detection, response, and recovery mechanisms
- Secure modularization and virtualization of nodes and networks
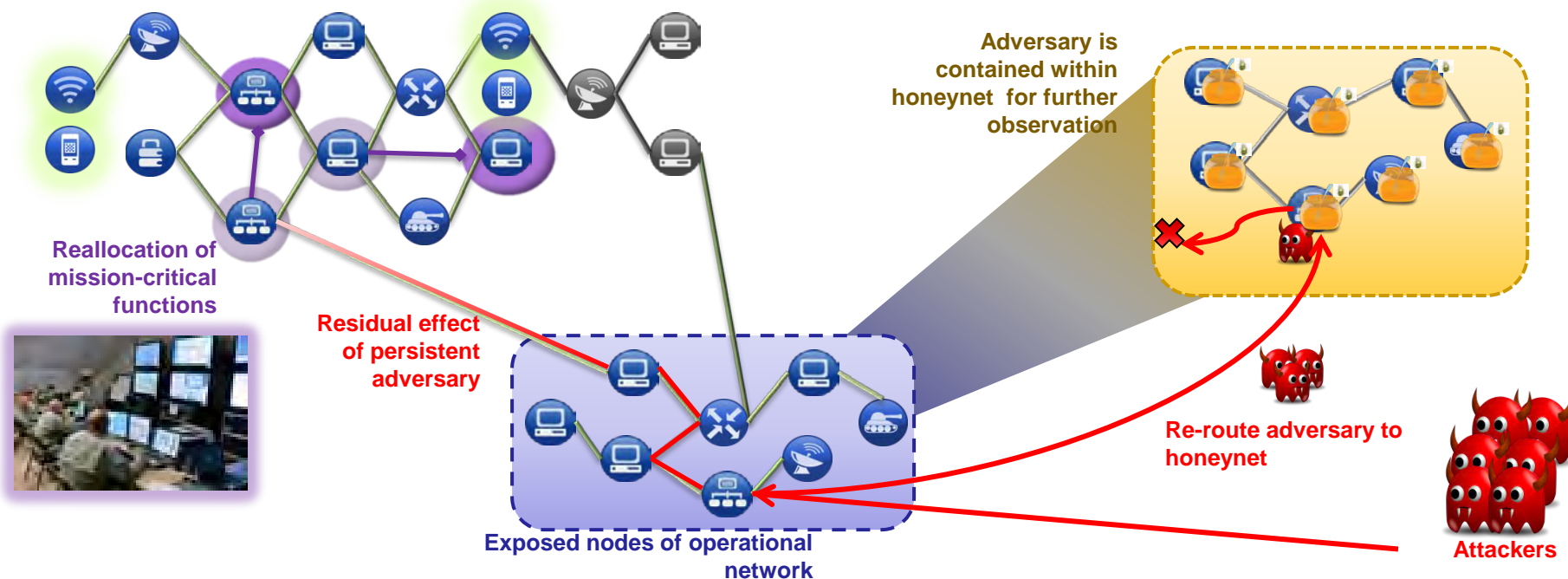- Resiliency-specific modeling and simulation

Resilient Algorithms and Protocols

- Code-level software resiliency
- Network overlays and virtualization
- Network management algorithms
- Mobile computing security

Agile Operations
Technical Challenges and Research Opportunities

Adversary is contained within honeynet for further observation

Reallocation of mission-critical functions

Residual effect of persistent adversary

Re-route adversary to honeynet

Exposed nodes of operational network

Attackers

Autonomic Cyber Agility

- **Techniques for autonomous reprogramming, reconfiguration, and control of cyber components**

- **Machine intelligence and automated reasoning techniques for executing courses of action**
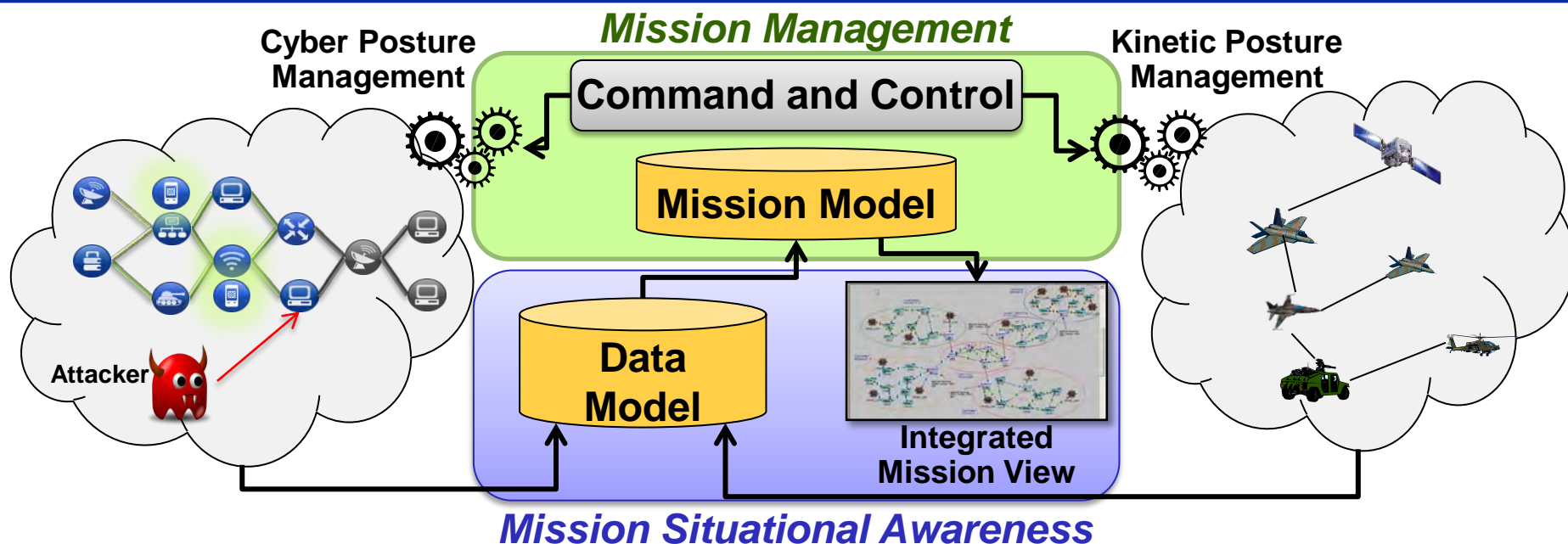
Cyber Maneuver

- **Distributed systems architectures and service application polymorphism**

- **Network composition based on graph theory**

- **Distributed collaboration and social network theory**

Assuring Effective Missions
Technical Challenges and Research Opportunities

Cyber Posture Management

Kinetic Posture Management

Mission Management

Command and Control

Mission Model

Data Model

Integrated Mission View

Attacker

Mission Situational Awareness

Cyber Mission Control

- **Techniques for mapping assets and describing dependencies between mission elements and cyber infrastructure**

- **Techniques for course of action development and analysis**

- **Cyber effects assessment**

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Instrumentation
Sensing
Observables

Metrics

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Assuring Effective Missions
- Cyber Mission Control
- Effects at Scale

Agile Operations
- Autonomic Cyber Agility
- Cyber Maneuver

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Response

Effects
Manipulation
Controls
Actuation

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